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Quite often the most interesting news of the day is to be found in the want-ad section.

TWO OGDENITES GASED AT GRAIN ELEVATOR

MRS. PEETE GUILTY; JURY RECOMMENDS LIFE

HOUSE PASSES MEASURE OVER WILSON'S VETO

Would Stop Enlistments Until Army is Reduced to 175,000 Men

SENATE EXPECTED TO TAKE SIMILAR ACTION

Too Many Officers, Not Enough Fighting Men, President Objects

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The joint resolution directing the stopping of enlistments until the regular army is reduced to 175,000 men was passed by the house over President Wilson's veto. The vote was 271 to 16.

GOES TO SENATE

Enlistment is expected to be taken on by the senate early next week. The measure is expected to be passed by the senate.

REASONS FOR VETO

Quoting the resolution as restricting the strength of the army to 175,000 men, the president says: "The president is made in the resolution for the preservation of any provision of the army and a mere decrease of the number of men in the army is not a sufficient reason for the president to veto the resolution."

NEW ARMY UNITS

On the fourth day of June, 1920, a bill passed by the present congress providing for the reorganization of the army. The bill was vetoed by the president because of the provisions for the reorganization of the army.

NEED OF REDUCTION

The bill authorized for the first time the reorganization of the army. The bill was vetoed by the president because of the provisions for the reorganization of the army.

RESERVE OFFICERS HERE WILL TRAIN AT OLYMPIA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Locations for the year's reserve officers' training camps were announced today by the war department as follows: Second and third corps areas, Camp Greiner, N. Y.; fourth and fifth corps areas, Camp Greiner, N. Y.; sixth corps area, Fort Sheridan, Ill.; seventh corps area, Fort Snelling, Minn.; eighth corps area, Fort Logan, Colo.

SACRAMENTO SHOPS PUT ON FIVE-DAY WEEK

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 5.—The business community here today went on a five-day week. The result will be a saving of only 200 men for the city. It was announced by General Superintendent D. S. Watkins.

WEST REFINING CUTS WYOMING CRUDE PRICES

Casper, Wyo., Feb. 5.—The Midland Refining company, largest purchaser of Wyoming crude, announced today that it had cut the price of 25 cents a barrel in all grades of Wyoming crude.

MRS. LAURA BARKER GIVES REASONS FOR PURCHASE OF POISON

Woman Accused of Slaying Her Husband Says That She Wanted to Make Mixture That Would Keep Her From Contracting Mate's Malady.

THE case of Mrs. Laura Barker, mother of three young children, who is charged with murder in the first degree in connection with the death last July of her husband, Charles Lee Barker, a railroad man, will go to the jury tomorrow.

This became known at the conclusion of the proceedings in Judge Geo. S. Barker's court yesterday afternoon. District Attorney Joseph E. Evans announced that he had just one more witness to examine in rebuttal.

The continuance until Monday was ordered by Judge Barker over the protest of George Halverson, of counsel for Mrs. Barker, who said the case should have been completed yesterday.

WOMAN ON STAND

Mrs. Barker's testimony in her own behalf was the outstanding feature of yesterday's proceedings. She gave an explanation as to why she had purchased arsenic, a deadly poison, at Bancroft, Idaho, last June.

The witness declared a woman friend had informed her that she should protect herself from the chronic disease which her husband was afflicted with. This woman urged her to make a preparation with arsenic as a base, the witness said. That was why she bought the poison from the Idaho druggist, Mrs. Barker said. She was visiting a brother near Bancroft at the time, she said.

With only one witness to be heard, the case for and against Mrs. Barker is substantially as follows:

CASE AGAINST WOMAN

The state has offered evidence that Barker died July 9 from the effects of arsenic.

That Mrs. Barker had purchased arsenic from an Idaho druggist a few days before the death of Barker. In addition there was evidence that the relations between the Barkers had not been happy since the discovery that Barker had a serious disease.

There is furthermore the evidence of Dr. R. E. Worsell to the effect that Mrs. Barker told him that she had not purposely taken poison.

HER DEFENSE

The defense on the other hand has introduced evidence to the effect that Barker was often despondent because of his affliction. And Mrs. Barker explains that her purchase of the arsenic was prompted by her desire to protect herself from the disease from which the husband was suffering.

Mrs. Barker early in her testimony told of a man, named Espinoza, who had paid her attentions and who had been ordered to leave town by the husband.

POINT BLANK QUESTION

In cross-examining Mrs. Barker District Attorney Evans asked her point blank:

"Did not you and Espinoza plot to poison your husband and didn't Espinoza tell him about it? Wasn't this the reason your husband and he were at odds?"

"No, sir," was the vigorous reply to both of these questions.

The district attorney also sought to show that Mrs. Barker had denied purchasing a poison.

DETECTIVE CALLED

The district attorney called Detective R. H. Wootton and over the vigorous objections from Mr. Halverson obtained from the witness the information that Mrs. Barker had been buying any poison until police officers told her of the evidence they had uncovered. Wootton said that then Mrs. Barker told him she had made the purchase but had purchased the poison in a different place.

The question as to whether Mrs. Barker had received men visitors after her husband's death brought another series of objections from the woman's attorney.

The district attorney put Adrian Baker, a clothing store clerk, on the stand. He said he lived near the Barker home and that on three occasions he had seen a man leave Mrs. Barker's home early in the morning.

Mr. Halverson asked him if he was sure this was not a Mr. Stevens, a neighbor, and the witness was unable to say for sure whether it was or was not.

Judge Barker's courtroom was thronged with men, women and children who seemed to take the greatest interest in the proceedings.

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ANGLO-RUSS PARLEYS ON TRADE REPORTED BROKEN

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The Moscow newspaper Investia, official organ of the soviet, is quoted in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Berlin today as stating that the Anglo-Russian trade negotiations have been broken off.

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LIQUOR LAW PRISONER ADMITS EMBEZZLEMENT

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 5.—William H. Hisey, arrested here on a charge of violating the liquor laws, admitted today in a signed statement that he is wanted in St. Louis, Mo., for embezzling \$1,500 from Armour & company there, the police announced.

He said he would waive regulation proceedings.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 5.—Proposals that the state assume control over wages paid women and children in industries was made in a bill introduced in the house of the Iowa legislature today by Representative Hills, chairman of the house committee on labor. It provides for a state women's wage commission of three members, which under certain conditions would have power to appoint a wage board to fix minimum wages.

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HEAD OF IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY IS INTERVIEWED

Anonymous Colonel Denies There is Break in Morale of His Troops

ATTACKS UPON CROWN TO BE MORE FREQUENT

Difficulties of Organizing Forces Pointed Out to Associated Press Writer

DUBLIN, Feb. 5.—A high officer of the Irish Republican army has given to the Associated Press a statement on the army and its operations. This is the first authorized statement thus made public, but the identity of the officer and the circumstances of the interview cannot be disclosed, nor is the correspondent permitted to publish the statistical information supplied regarding the total number of forces, both regular and "irregular," now in the field.

The officer who will be designated as "Colonel X" spoke freely, answering every question, but he requested non-publication of various statements, which he said, "might give information to the enemy."

DENIES BREAKUP

He denied the declaration of Major General Strickland, in command of the British troops, that the Irish republican army organization was dismembered and repudiated the suggestion that the remarkable activity in the last fortnight was a demonstration to disprove the assertions that the morale of the volunteers was impaired.

"The recent increases in the attacks on the crown forces," he said, "was only a natural development due to the perfecting of our organization. From now on there will be further extension and intensification of our operations in all parts of the country."

He indicated that the republican army would soon begin the issuance of a military communiqué, probably weekly, and added:

CALLS REPORT DELUSION

He smiled at a "reference" called to his attention that Michael Collins was head of the republican army, saying "that is a delusion persisted in not only by the public, but by the government. He did not say whether the direction of the republican army was in the hands of one man or a committee. There is a large reward outstanding for the arrest of Collins."

The republican army dots the country. Our plan is to account for every district either by battalions of companies; every foot of ground is being surveyed and the number and character of the inhabitants. County Meath is sparsely settled and the terrain is flat, making conditions for fighting unfavorable.

ORGANIZING DIFFICULT

"We are slowly but surely carrying out our plan. It should be understood, however, that we must organize and train men while we are fighting."

The unit of the organization, he said, is the company whose full strength normally is 100 men, each company being tactically self-contained and furnishing its own signallers, engineers and machine guns.

PLAN OF ATTACK

"The tactics though not continued, is to operate in smaller units in areas like Ulster, where certain districts are either too thinly populated or the population is hostile. We have small groups engaged in reconnaissance and intelligence work. In areas where conditions are more favorable, the companies are formed into battalions and brigades. This is our regular army. The men on the run are somewhat similarly organized, but in small units. They work in conjunction with the regulars and are kept well armed, clothed and equipped. But the vast bulk of our men are not on the run; they are available for operations in the daytime, others at night."

PLENTY OF MONEY

The Irish republican party is not hampered by lack of funds, a large part of which, Colonel X declared, comes from America in subscriptions to the republican loan. Local quartermasters, he went on, look after the flying columns and provide billets and supplies.

"The men are well fed and in good health," he added, "and their continued resilience is amazing. Nothing depresses them; they are always game for a new job, even if knocked about at night after night. The men on the run are shot down, he said that no policemen were picked off because he happened to be on officer, asserting "no attack is made unless something is wrong with the policeman's record, such as a conviction for a crime. We kept on for a year and the boys are METHOD SUCCESSFUL."

"Guerrilla fighting is not as futile as many people may believe. Our people in '28 came out in masses against the British and were moved down in one summer's campaign. We would be quickly annihilated too, if we attempted to oppose the military in bulk. But, we hit them without being hit. We kept on for a year and the boys are METHOD SUCCESSFUL."

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Worker Risks Life Striving to Save Victim of Fumes

CHARLES LESLIE BUNE, 26 years of age, 2060 Jefferson avenue, is dead and Ward A. Dunn, an electrician, 2749 Grant avenue, is in a serious condition at the hospital, as a result of breathing poisonous fumes which had collected in an elevator at the Globe mills in West Ogden yesterday afternoon.

Bune was employed as a sampler. He was sent to procure a sample of barley. The bin was damp and fermentation had developed, it is believed.

The sampler had hardly entered before he was overcome, but he managed to shout once or twice for assistance. Dunn, who was working near, hurried to aid Bune. He had no warning as to the danger and in his efforts to drag Bune to safety, he collapsed.

By this time workmen had heard the alarm and a relief party, headed by R. O. Daniels, foreman, brought out the bodies.

The fire department, with its lungmoter, was called and restorative methods were tried. Efforts to revive Bune were futile, but Dunn was revived sufficiently to permit his removal to the hospital.

Bune leaves a young widow, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bune, and the following brothers and sisters: J. A. Bune, Mrs. J. E. DeLong, Mrs. A. Wheelwright and Mrs. T. F. Power.

SMOOT SMOKING PENROSE WILL MEASURE MEETS HELP LEGION SUDEN DEATH OBTAIN BONUS

Utah Senator's Proposal Draws Fire From All Sides in Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Senator Smoot's proposal to prohibit smoking in most government buildings in Washington met sudden death today in the senate, but out of it grew a substitute by Senator Wadsworth, Republican, New York, requiring department heads to prohibit smoking when it would endanger public property.

The Smoot amendment drew fire from all sides. Senator Smith, Democrat, Arizona, protested that "it was an entering wedge for a most contemptible and restraining law."

Senator Robinson, Democrat, Arkansas, who does not smoke, drew verbal pictures of the president and his dinner guests being required to leave the White House to enjoy their cigars or cigarettes.

MIDWEST FARMERS SELL DRESSED MEAT AT RETAIL

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 5.—The farmers of this vicinity in an effort to even up for losses due to grain and livestock price declines, have gone into the retail meat business, coming to town in automobiles loaded with dressed beef which they sell direct to city consumers.

Some of the farmers report good sales of both dressed pork and beef. Recently several automobiles loaded with dressed beef appeared on the streets here, the salesmen being farmers or farmers' sons.

"Now here's a small piece weighing a few pounds which will make a fine stew which I am willing for 12 cents a pound," one of the farmers said to a prospective buyer who stepped on a running board of his car.

"If you want a good rib roast of four pounds here it is," he added. "It costs you 14 cents a pound wrapped up, you carry it home. Buy a bigger piece and I'll deliver it to your home."

MEXICAN REBELS KILL AMERICAN, WOUND WIFE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—R. B. Case, an American citizen, is dead at the Pinos mines, district of Toluca, state of Durango, from gunshot wounds inflicted by revolutionists headed by the Arieta brothers, the state department was advised today. Mr. Case's wife was wounded in the arm at the same time.

The advice gave few details but indicated that Case had been fired upon after he had refused to permit the "revolutionists" to disarm him.

GOVERNOR GENERAL OF PHILIPPINES RESIGNS

MANILA, P. I., Feb. 5.—Francis Burton Harrison, governor general of the Philippines today cabled his resignation to President Wilson, with a request that it be accepted March 4.

WOMAN SEEMS COMPOSED BUT HUSBAND WEEPS

Jury Out Six and One Half Hours Before Returning Its Verdict

MRS. PEETE SHAKES HANDS WITH COUNSEL

"We'll Go Now," She Says Turning to Bailiff After Conviction

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Feb. 5.—Mrs. Louise L. Peete was found guilty by a jury late today of murder in the first degree for the slaying of Jacob Charles Denton. The jury fixed the penalty at life imprisonment.

The jury was out about six hours and a half.

Mrs. Peete listened to the verdict with the same composure that she maintained throughout the trial.

Her husband, R. C. Peete, burst into tears.

Mrs. Peete shook hands with her attorneys, W. T. Aggeler, acting public defender, and Robert H. Scott, assistant public defender, then turned to the bailiff and said:

"We'll go now."

She was then taken back to the county jail. There was no demonstration in the crowded court room.

Mrs. Peete was the second woman to be convicted in two days of murder in the first degree in Los Angeles county. The first, Mrs. Maybelle Roe, was found guilty yesterday of the slaying of McCullough Graydon, a real estate operator. Her punishment also was fixed at life imprisonment.

A crowd, declared by court officers to be the largest since the trial started, was gathered about the Hall of Justice all day awaiting the outcome of the case. A sudden shower of rain, accompanied by hail, failed to thin out the throng to any noticeable degree.

JUDGE INSTRUCTS

"There is nothing in the nature of circumstantial evidence that renders it less reliable than direct evidence," Judge Frank R. Willis instructed the jury.

"It is not necessary to prove a motive," the judge's instructions continued, "but the absence of a motive is to be considered in favor of the defendant."

He also called the jury's attention to the provisions of the law for the punishment of accomplices who are the principals in a crime.

He said the benefit of a "reasonable doubt" should be given the defendant if the jury decided such a reasonable doubt existed. The prosecution's case against Mrs. Peete was built on circumstantial evidence and her defense asked for her acquittal.

PLEAS ATTACKED

The pleas of the defense's counsel in their closing arguments that "they do justice to this young mother" was attacked by Thomas Lee Woolwine in the final argument for the state.

"There has been talk of motherhood by defense counsel," said Mr. Woolwine, "but I have exhibit A on motherhood," and he pointed to Francis Denton, of Arizona, daughter of the dead mining promoter.

"She will never hold her parent's hands, nor look into his eyes again in this life."

The attorney continued: "Because Louise Peete shot and killed him and buried him in the basement of his own home."

Mrs. Peete, as throughout the trial, showed no emotion while the district attorney was appealing to the jury to send her to the gallows."

FIFTEEN MILLION CHINESE IN DANGER OF STARVING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The famine situation in China has reached such crisis that 15,000,000 may die unless immediate help is given, according to information received today by the state department.

Another famine equally severe threatens unless food is made available to the Chinese farmers who are physically unable to undertake the spring plowing, a statement by the department said.

The Chinese are doing all in their power to relieve the situation, the statement added, and it is estimated that \$5,000,000 will be obtained for relief by surcharges imposed on the railway, telegraphic and postal services. Red Cross funds of \$1,000,000 will help 85,000 persons for two hundred days, it was stated.

VILLAGE SETS RECORD FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

MCCALL, S. C., Feb. 5.—This town, population 2,125 the guide books aver, claims a world's record. A church survey, announced today, disclosed only two men and a boy who are not church members, taking 12 years as a minimum age. The women are unanimous.

GANGSTER CONVICTED AFTER SECOND TRIAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—Thomas Brady, criminal gang suspect, was found guilty by a jury here today of assault with intent to commit a felony on Jean Standley. It was his second trial. The maximum penalty is fourteen years' imprisonment.